



## **HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**

### **SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH LWB/3/20 AT UWE HILLSIDE GARDENS SPORTS FACILITY, HAMBROOK) PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER 2020**

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE ORDER

Under the Highways Act 1980, county and district councils have the power to make orders to create, extinguish (close) or divert public rights of way. A notice that such an order has been made has to be advertised on the site of the path in question and in the local press. This provides an opportunity for objections or representations to be made to the proposed change.

An application to extinguish footpath LWB/3/20 has been made because it has been a cul-de-sac path since the M32 was built and the planning consent for the development of the UWE Sports Facility in 2017 agreed for a landscaping bund to be constructed around the site thereby blocking this short section of path.

The Council is satisfied that it is expedient that the footpath is extinguished on the grounds that it is not needed for public use as it is a short, dead end path leading only to the motorway fence line. Any likely future use of the path will not be adversely affected as it is unlikely that the path would be used by the public as there is little likelihood of a reconnection being made to the remainder of path on the opposite side of the M32. The route to be extinguished is shown as a solid black line on the order plan.

The order will come into effect only once it has been confirmed. Making and advertising the order simply provides an opportunity for objections or representations to be made.